



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Discussion And Possible Action Regarding Residency Requirement For City Board And Commission Members

MEETING DATE: July 30, 2003

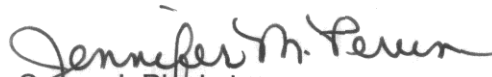
PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council discuss and take appropriate action regarding residency requirement for City board and commission members.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This item appears on the agenda as requested by Mayor Hitchcock.

The City Clerk's Office has distributed a survey to California cities asking how many cities have a residency requirement for city board and commission members and what those requirements are. Results of this survey will be compiled and presented to the City Council at the meeting.

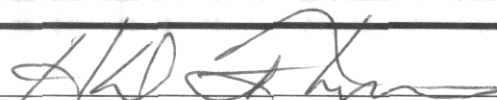
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Survey Results

Below is a tabulation of the responses from a listserve e-mail survey sent to California city clerks' offices, which asked whether their city's boards and commissions had a residency requirement.

SUMMARY:

- Total number of **YES** answers: 61
*Of the YES responses **18** have a requirement for city residency AND being a registered voter*
- Total number of **NO** answers: 6
- Total number of **OTHER** answers: 6
- **TOTAL** number of responses: **73**

NAME OF CITY	# OF B/C	RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT?	
		YES	NO / OTHER
Adelanto	2	YES.	
Albany		YES for all; however, the only exception is an ad hoc committee, on which business owners serve.	
Anaheim	13	YES.	
Atascadero	2	YES; language in municipal code stating all commissioners shall be residents of the city. Additionally, resolution states all commissioners shall be residents of the city and registered to vote in the city.	
Burbank	22	YES; code requires that b/c members be electors and residents of the city.	
California City	3		NO.
Carlsbad	14	YES; requires that applicants to any b/c be city residents.	
Chula Vista	25	YES; all members of b/c shall be qualified electors in the city with the exception of YC who need only be residents of the city. The council may appoint non-electors to those b/c that are advisory only and whose duties involve regional issues. Appointment of non-electors must be passed by at least four affirmative votes. No person may be appointed nor shall serve on more than one of the charter-created b/c simultaneously.	
Colton	8	YES; must reside in the city and in the district, if possible.	

Concord	11	YES for all but the YC and Mobilehome Rent Review Board.	
Cupertino	11	YES; most have a residency requirement; however, some of them allow one or two members to be outside the city.	
Delmar	3 b/c 10 advisory comm.	YES; all b/c members are required to be residents of the city. Of the ten advisory committees, nine require only residents, and the other committee (five members) allows that one member does not have to be a resident.	
Downey	15	YES, charter requires them to be voters, and most of them must live in the respective district (council is elected by district and appoints their b/c members by district with two exceptions).	
El Cajon	10	YES.	
Emeryville			OTHER; requirement is to reside, own a business, or work in the city, but residents have priority.
Fairfax	2 boards 2 comm.	YES, require that all appointees be residents.	
Folsom	10	YES, charter requires that members of these boards be residents and registered voters of the city.	
Fort Bragg	3		OTHER; residents of the city and persons owning a business or commercial property <u>shall be given preference</u> for appointment to advisory committees.
Fremont	14	YES, on a couple of the b/c residency is waived when one of the members is an appointee of another agency.	
Gilroy	6 comm. 2 boards	YES; per the charter, must be registered voters within the city limits (except for the YC, which must live within the Gilroy Unified School District).	
Grass Valley	6		NO.
Hillsborough	4	YES; residency is required.	
Irvine	5	YES.	
La Canada Flintridge	7	YES.	
Laguna Hills	2	YES; not only residency, but must be registered voters.	

Lancaster	One PC one YC and many boards		NO; only PC is required to reside in the city per the code; YC must attend schools in city, but code does not specifically state they must "live" in the city; requirements are flexible for the boards.
Larkspur	4	YES.	
Lawndale	3 comm. 3 com. one board	YES; has 30-day residency requirement for all but two positions: Community Watch Committee (appointees must be in business or employed by a business in the city) and Personnel Board (it is preferred, but not required, to have some sort of human resources experience).	
Lomita	6	YES for all but the Museum Foundation Board.	
Martinez	8	YES, except for Veterans Comm. and Marina Comm. Residence or employment within the corporate limits of the city shall be requisite for membership on the Veterans Commission. For the Marina Commission: one selected by Yacht Club; one who berths a vessel at the marina; one who is user of the Launch Ramp facility; one who regularly does business with the marina; one who lives in the city; member of Rec.; and one selected by the East Bay Regional Park District.	
Mill Valley	5		OTHER; PC must be residents of the city; Rec. (seven members) one may live outside city limits, but within school district boundaries/sphere of influence; Emergency Preparedness (same), Library Board (five members) one may live outside city limits; Arts Commission (seven members) three may live outside city limits, but within the sphere of influence. This way the unincorporated areas are represented, but decisions about city programs and services are made by the people who pay for them.

Modesto		YES, with the exception of the PC and Board of Zoning Adjustment.	
Monrovia	5		NO, with the exception of the Historic Preservation Commission; consideration will be given to include this requirement on all others except the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board.
Moreno Valley	2 boards one comm. 6 com.	YES.	
Mountain View	8	YES for all, except the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Downtown Committee, and Performing Arts Advisory Committee.	
Murrieta	5	YES, requirements are: a resident (not necessarily a citizen) of Murrieta, 18 years old and NOT a city employee. There is an exception to the residency requirement for someone who represents an entity, i.e. the school district.	
Napa	21	YES; must be a full-time resident and registered voter of the city.	
Oxnard	11	YES, with the exception of the Homeless Task Force does not, nor does the Downtown Design Review Committee because it has specific requirements for architects.	
Palm Springs	14	YES; Must be a registered voter in the city.	
Pico Rivera	2 comm. various com.		OTHER; only the PC and the Community Resources Advisory Comm. require city residency.
Placerville		YES; must reside within the city limits or own or operate a business within the city limits.	
Pleasanton	11	YES, except for Economic Vitality where there would be a city business owner requirement.	
Pomona	7	YES; must be a resident of the city.	

Rancho Mirage	11	YES, but residency requirements vary and relate to the nature of the comm. Each time a comm. is established, residency requirements are addressed so there is no hard fast rule for whether city residency is required or not. Most do; those that do not are of a broad nature (e.g. Community Trails Comm. with no residency requirement; the architectural review board with no residency requirement, but requires two licensed architects; etc.)	
Red Bluff	4		NO.
Redding	6		NO; members must either own a business or be employed in the city.
Redlands	16	YES; all have a residency requirement except the Downtown Redlands Business Association Board who shall own a business within its boundaries.	
Redondo Beach	17	YES; requires all b/c members to be registered voters of the city.	
Ridgecrest	2	YES; B/C members shall be registered voters within the city and appointed based on their qualifications for their duties.	
Rio Vista	4	YES, all but the Airport Advisory Comm.	
Riverbank	Various b/c for numerous projects		OTHER; only Council, PC, and Rec. require residency.
Roseville	15	YES; city charter requires all individuals applying for appointment live within the city limits.	
Salinas	6 comm. 5 boards	YES; commissioners must reside within city limits and be eligible to vote in city elections; same is true for boards, with the exception of the Design Review Board and the Board of Appeals. The two exceptions only state that board members should either reside or work within the city.	

San Bruno	14	YES; must be a city resident, with the exception of the Central Business District Com., which members must own a business in the city.	
San Clemente	5	YES.	
San Gabriel	4	YES; city residency is required for all except the Design Review as the requirement is for certain professionals to serve.	
San Juan Bautista	2	YES.	
San Juan Capistrano	8	YES.	
Santa Clara	10	YES; must be a registered voter in the city.	
Santa Maria	8	YES, and some, such as PC and Rec., require applicants to be registered voters of the city. Others, which are broader in scope, do not, such as the Block Grants Advisory Committee and the All America City Committee.	
Saratoga	8 comm. various ad hocs & com.	YES; must be a resident and a registered voter in the city.	
Scotts Valley	8	YES; has city limit residency requirements for PC and residency requirements within the City's planning area for all others.	
Stockton		YES; most b/c have a residency requirement that members must reside within the city limits.	
Tracy	12	YES; each b/c has its own bylaws that state residency requirement.	
Turlock	3	YES; PC must live within the city limits; Rec. must live within the city's defined recreational district, which encompasses some outlying areas at the edge of the city limits; Arts (25 member comm.) 15 must live in the city limits and no more than 10 may reside outside of the city limits, but must live within boundaries of the Turlock Irrigation District or Stanislaus County.	
Union City	5	YES; must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the city.	

Walnut Creek	5	YES; must be city resident except for the architect and landscape architect positions on the Design Review Commission and three seats on the Arts Commission.	
West Sacramento	9	YES.	
Westminster	15		OTHER; some have residency requirements; others do not.
Whittier	10	YES; per the city charter, members must be registered voters of the city.	
Winters	4	YES.	
Woodland	12	YES; must be a registered voter and reside within the city limits.	
Yountville		YES; requirement is that members live in and are registered voters of the town; however, that requirement can be waived by the council if the applicant has special knowledge or experience in whatever field the committee covers.	

LEGEND:

B/C = Board, commission, and/or committee

Com. = Committee

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PC = Planning Commission

Rec. = Recreation Commission (*or Recreation and Parks Commission or other variation*)

YC = Youth Commission